

REMARKS

This response is intended to fully respond to the Restriction/Election Requirement contained in the November 28, 2006 Office Action.

Applicants elect Group 1, claims 1-11, 13-20, 32-41, for prosecution in this application. As a result of this election, applicants have canceled claims 42-46 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or continuation applications on the canceled claims or claims related to the canceled claims at a later date. Additionally, claims 15 and 17 are being canceled, based on the amendments being made to claim 1 (see discussion below).

Interview Summary

Tim Scull thanks Examiner Cam Truong for the in-person interview conducted on December 11, 2006. Examiner Truong suggested that to overcome the art cited in the office action of June 6, 2006, the claims should be amended to more clearly indicate that the timestamp is associated with more than a single file. No agreement was reached on allowance of the claims.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 1 is being amended in light of the in-person interview with Examiner Truong. Claim 1 is being amended to more clearly indicate that the timestamp is associated with a shadow volume and as such with the plurality of files on the shadow volume. Support for this amendment can be found at least on page 4, lines 15-21; page 5, lines 9-14; page 16, lines 17-21; page 19, lines 1-2; and page 35, lines 12-15; and page 36, lines 16-23. Claims 16 and 18 are being amended to make them consistent with the amendments made to claim 1.

Applicants believe that these amendments further distinguishes claim 1 (and claims dependent upon claim 1) from the references cited in the office action of June 6, 2006. Moreover, claim 32 is also allowable for the reasons enumerated in the previous Amendment (August 6, 2006) filed in response to the office action of June 6, 2006.

Conclusion

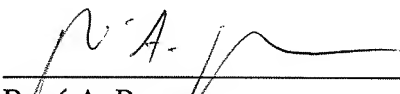
It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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